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THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING.
NOT HERE.
NOT HERE TOO.
KARA.
KARA, HONEY, WHAT IS IT?
IT'S BRAINIAC, LOIS.
KAL MUST HAVE FOUND HIM. HE MUST HAVE FOUND HIM AND NOW BRAINIAC IS HERE.

DON'T JUST STAND THERE, RED!
TRIGGER THAT SIGNAL WATCH AND MOVE YOUR--
KRRKssshh
YOU GOT, LIKE, FOUR COLLEGE DEGREES, TROUPE--
SIX.
KOK KOK KIK
SO ANY IDEAS ON WHAT THE HELL THAT IS?
NOT FRIENDLY.

WHAT DID YOU DO WITH KAL-EL?
W-WHERE IS HE?!
VVVVVVVV
KOK KOK KOK
KOK
THEY HAVE SOME KIND OF FORCE FIELD.
YOUR HEAT VISION DIDN'T--
LOIS.
GO.

KARA...
PLEASE. GO!
YOU CAN FLY AWAY--
THEY ATTACKED MY WORLD, LOIS. THEY ABDUCTED THE CITY OF KANDOR.
AND THEY KILLED HUNDREDS TO DO IT.
I'M NOT RUNNING AWAY. I WANT TO, BUT I CAN'T.
KAL DIDN'T.
NEITHER WILL I!
KRONNGHH!

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ROCKETED TO EARTH FROM THE DOOMED PLANET KRYPTON, THE BABY KAL-EL WAS FOUND AND RAISED BY JONATHAN AND MARTHA KENT IN SMALLVILLE, KANSAS. NOW AN ADULT, CLARK KENT FIGHTS FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE & THE AMERICAN WAY AS...

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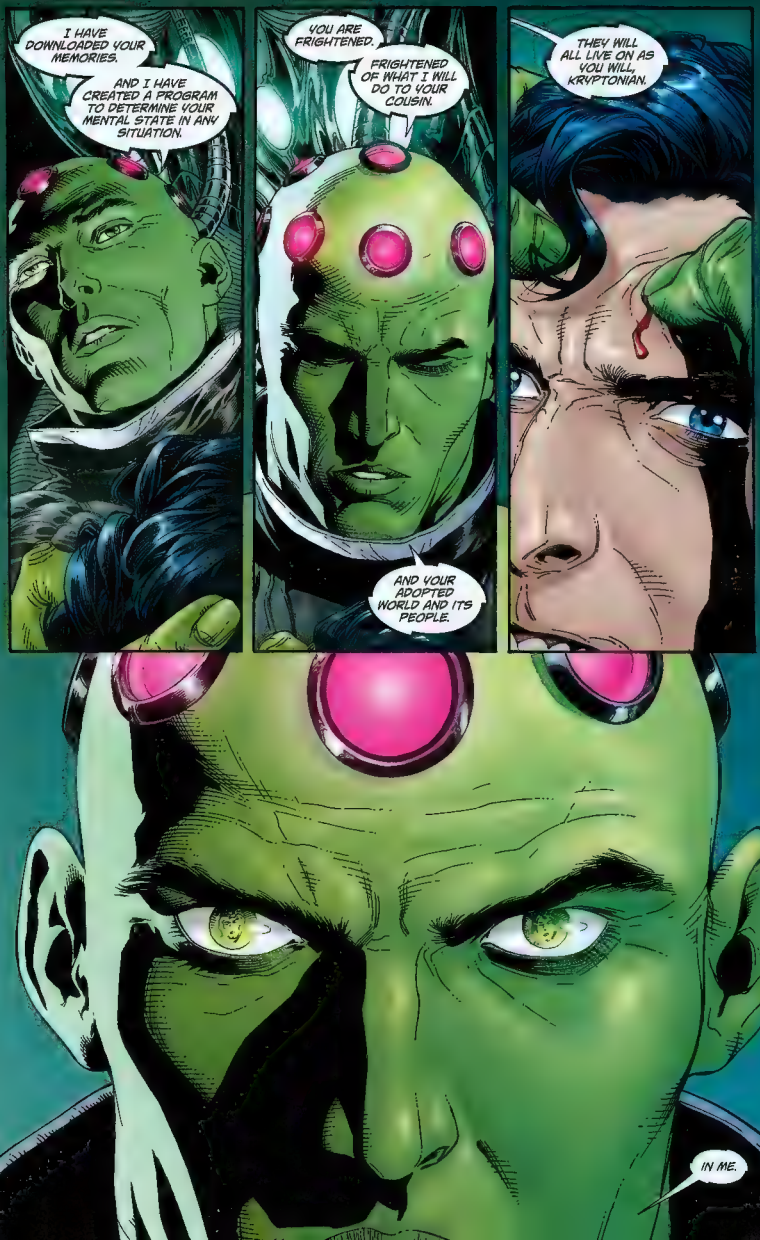
I HAVE DOWNLOADED YOUR MEMORIES.
AND I HAVE CREATED A PROGRAM TO DETERMINE YOUR MENTAL STATE IN ANY SITUATION.
YOU ARE FRIGHTENED.
FRIGHTENED OF WHAT I WILL DO TO YOUR COUSIN.
AND YOUR ADOPTED WORLD AND ITS PEOPLE.
THEY WILL ALL LIVE ON AS YOU WILL, KRYPTONIAN.
IN ME.

I WON'T LET YOU ABDUCT MY FAMILY...
OR MY HOME.
HOME?
PHYSICALLY, YOU ARE KRYPTONIAN.
BUT WITHIN YOUR LIMITED CRANIAL CAPACITY, YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF HUMAN, DON'T YOU?
FWP
FWP
FWP
YOU ARE A BEING BORN OF AN AMALGAM OF WORLDS.
AS AM I.
I AM CONNECTED TO EVERY LIVING BEING IN MY BIO-SHELL.
BUT I WOULD NEVER CONSIDER MYSELF ANYTHING BUT COLUAN.
I WOULD NEVER BETRAY MY RACE AS YOU HAVE.
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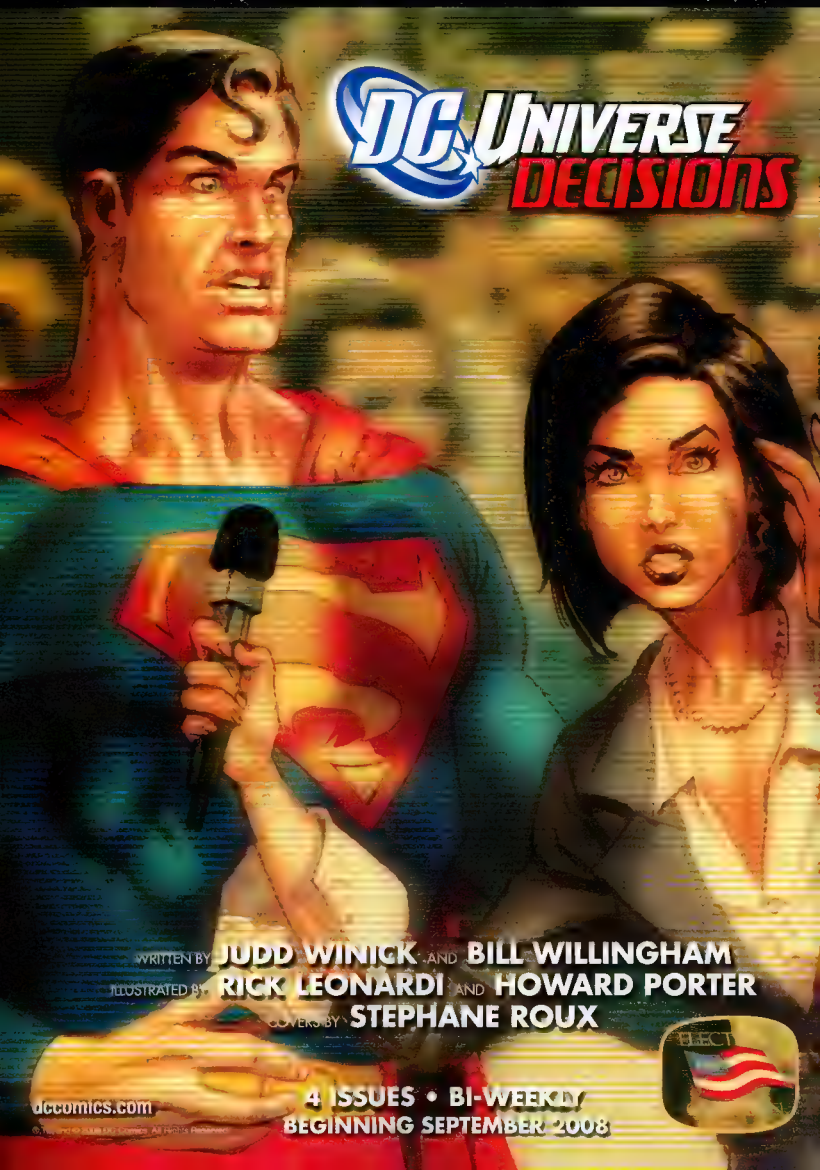


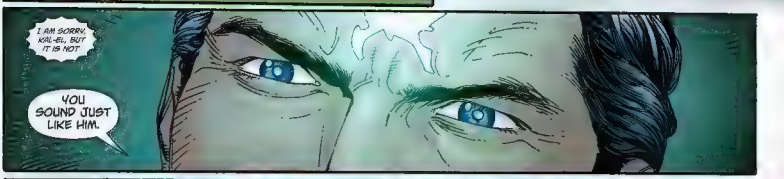
KRKZZAT
SMASH

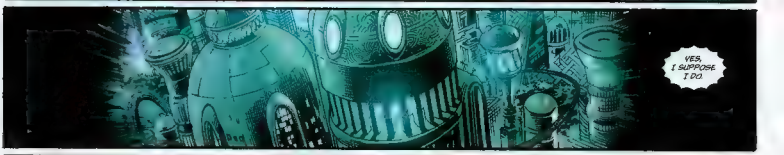
INFLICTING PAIN ON OTHERS DOESN'T SEEM TO BOTHER YOU.
KZZAAT
KIZIIT
IT BOTHERS ME.
USUALLY.
THOOM
KKRAASHH

WHICH ONE IS IT, ALIEN?
WHICH ONE IS KANDOR?
KA-EL
I HEAR YOU.
DON'T WORRY.
I'M GOING TO GET YOU OUT OF--
KZZZZZ

NO--
KAL-EL
PLEASE CALM YOURSELF. THIS IS NOT THE COLUAN'S DOING.

IT IS KANDOR'S
FATHER?
FATHER, IS THAT YOU?


I AM SORRY, KAL-EL, BUT IT IS NOT
YOU SOUND JUST LIKE HIM.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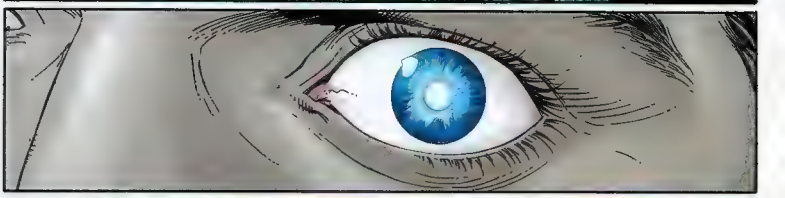

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I AM ZOR-EL.
THIS IS MY WIFE, ALURA.
HAVE YOU SEEN OUR DAUGHTER?

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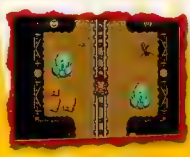

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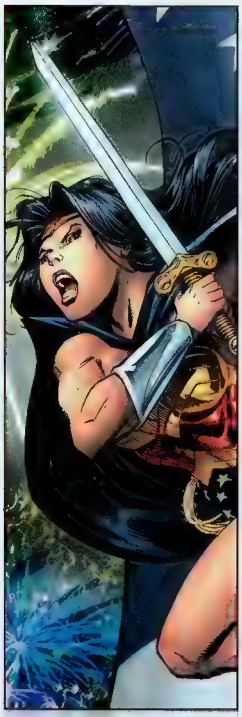
"DID SHE SURVIVE HER ESCAPE FROM ARGO CITY, KAL-EL?
"DID SHE MAKE IT TO EARTH?"
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HURT ANYONE!
"DID SHE FIND NEW FRIENDS?"
KIK
KOK
GET OFF THE FIELD, CAT!
RON'S ABOUT TA MAKE HIS FIRST TACKLE.
IF YOUR DAD COULD SEE YOU NOW, huh, RONNIE?
MY DAD HATED SPORTS.
KKSHHH
"KARA THOUGHT YOU WERE BOTH DEAD."

YOU LOOK SO YOUNG.
ONE DOESN'T AGE AS RAPIDLY WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE BOTTLE CITIES.
BUT YOU WEREN'T IN KANDOR WHEN BRAINIAC ABDUCTED IT. YOU WERE IN--
I KNOW.
"WE WERE IN ARGO CITY.
"YOUR FATHER HAD WARNED US OF THE IMPENDING DOOM OF KRYPTON AND, UNLIKE THE COUNCIL, WE HEEDED HIS WARNINGS.
"GENERAL ZOD HAD RECOVERED ONE OF BRAINIAC'S ANDROIDS AFTER THE ATTACK ON KANDOR.
"ALURA AND I ATTEMPTED TO RECREATE BRAINIAC'S FORCE FIELD TECHNOLOGY.
"WE HAD LIMITED SUCCESS, BUT IT WAS ENOUGH TO CREATE A DOME OVER ARGO CITY.
"THAT DOME PROTECTED THE CITY FROM COMPLETE DESTRUCTION.
"OUR HOME WAS IN RUIN, BUT HUNDREDS SURVIVED.
"INCLUDING OUR DAUGHTER."
KARA? WHAT ARE YOU SO EXCITED ABOUT?
A SHIP, DAD!
I SAW A SHIP OUT THERE.
OH, NO.



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"SENSING HIS TECHNOLOGY IN USE, BRAINIAC TRACKED DOWN ARGO CITY.
"AND HE BEGAN TO INTEGRATE IT INTO KANDOR.
"SLAUGHTERING ANYONE HE DEEMED 'REDUNDANT' IN INFORMATION.
"DUE TO THE INSTABILITY OF THE DOME, WE KNEW OUR TIME ON ARGO WAS LIMITED. WE HAD BEGUN AN ESCAPE PLAN TO FOLLOW YOU TO EARTH.
"BUT WE HAD ONLY BEGUN."
I DON'T WANT TO GO.
YOU HAVE TO, KARA.
NOT WITHOUT YOU--
FIND YOUR BABY COUSIN. FIND KAL-EL AND WATCH OVER HIM.
PLEASE.
WE LOVE YOU.
DAD?! MOM?!

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KZZZT
ZOR-EL?!
"BRAINS OVER BRAWN."

THAT IS AN APPROPRIATE HUMAN PHRASE, IS IT NOT?
YOU BELIEVE BY SIMPLY SEVERING MY BODY FROM MY BIO-SHELL THAT I AM INCAPACITATED?
I AM THIS SHIP. THIS SHIP IS ME.
"AS WILL BE EVERY WORLD IN THIS UNIVERSE."
BEEFY'S
KIK KIK KOK
YOU HAVE CAUSED ME GREAT DISCOMFORT, KRYPTONIAN.
HAVE CAUSED ME GREAT DISCOMFORT, KRYPTONIAN.
AAAAAAGH
VONK
AAH!
KANGG
YOU PROVED YOUR POINT, KARA.
I SHALL DO THE SAME TO YOU AND YOUR COUSIN.
LOIS?
NOW LET'S FLY OUT OF--

KARA!
AAAHHH!
AAAHH!
I HAVE NOT FELT PLEASURE IN OVER TWO HUNDRED YEARS.
THANK YOU.
'LEAST THE DROIDS SEEM TO BE GONE.
WHAT'S THAT?
"IT'S GROWING OVER THE CITY."
"SUPERMAN?!"
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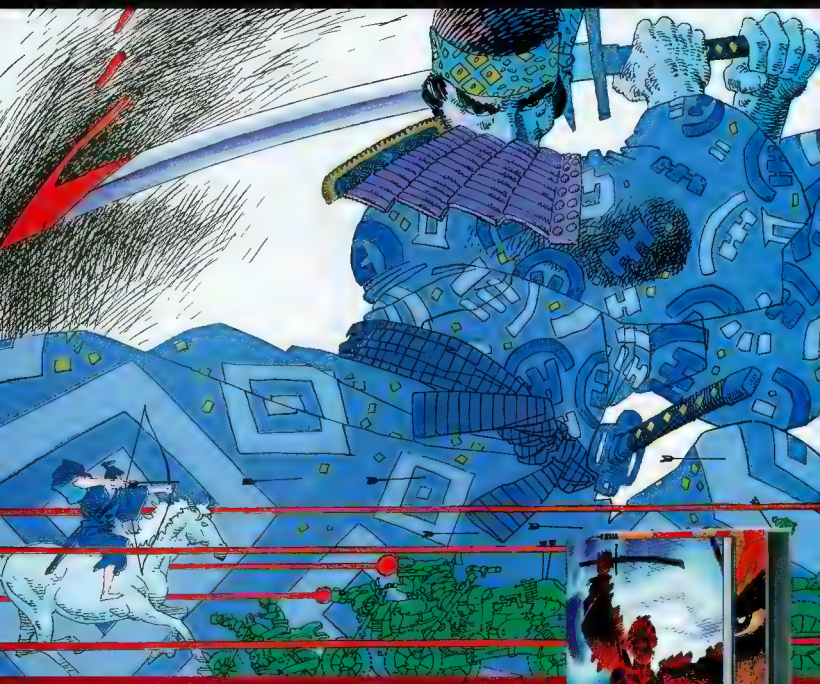

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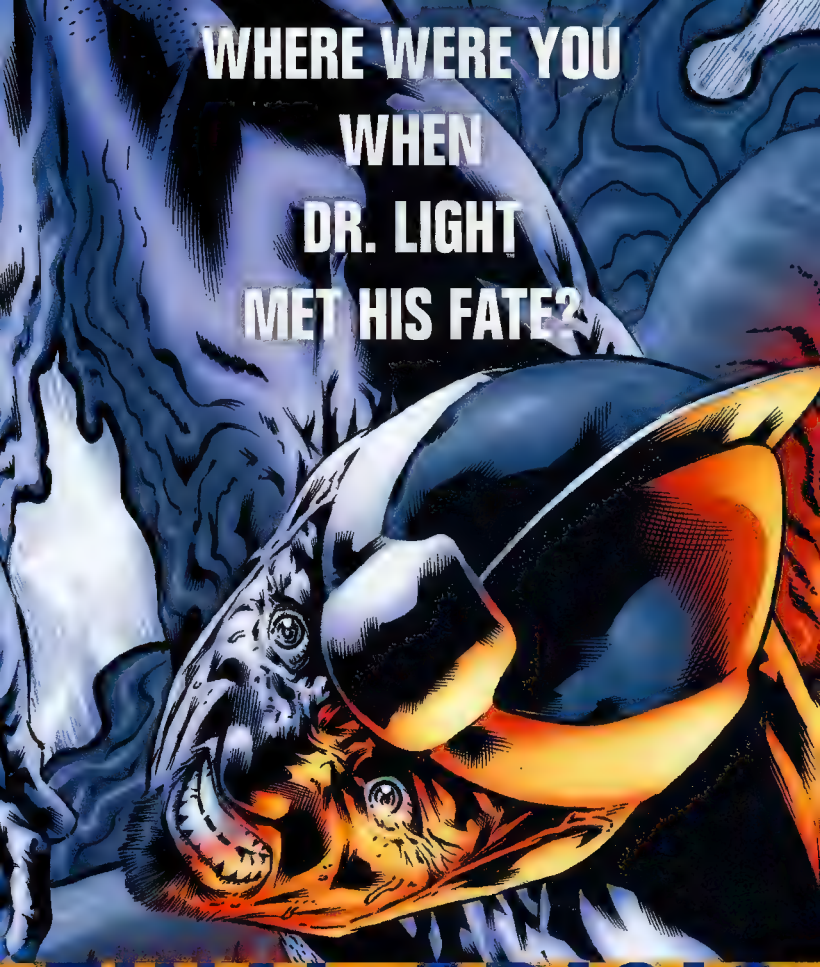
WHY WOULD THEY CALL YOU THAT--
--WHEN YOU ARE NOT A "MAN" AT ALL?
AND "SUPER"?
THERE IS NOTHING SUPER ABOUT YOU.

NOT LIKE ME.

IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE. YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD OUTTHINK ME.
NNGGG!
DID YOU TRULY BELIEVE YOUR MIND WAS CAPABLE OF SUCH A THING?
YOUR MIND IS SMALL.
HOW MUCH DATA WILL YOUR BRAIN STORE BEFORE TURNING INTO SLUDGE?
FIVE WORLDS?
TWO?
KIK
"ONE?"
GHOOOMM
JONATHAN? DO YOU SEE THAT? UP IN THE SKY?
WHAT IS IT?



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I'M NOT SURE, MARTHA--
--BUT IT LOOKS LIKE ITS HEADIN' TOWARDS THE SUN.
IN LESS THAN FIFTY-SEVEN MINUTES MY SOLAR-AGGRESSOR WILL REACH YOUR SUN.
IT WILL FLARE UP.
AND EARTH WILL BE INCINERATED--
--JUST LIKE KRYPTON.
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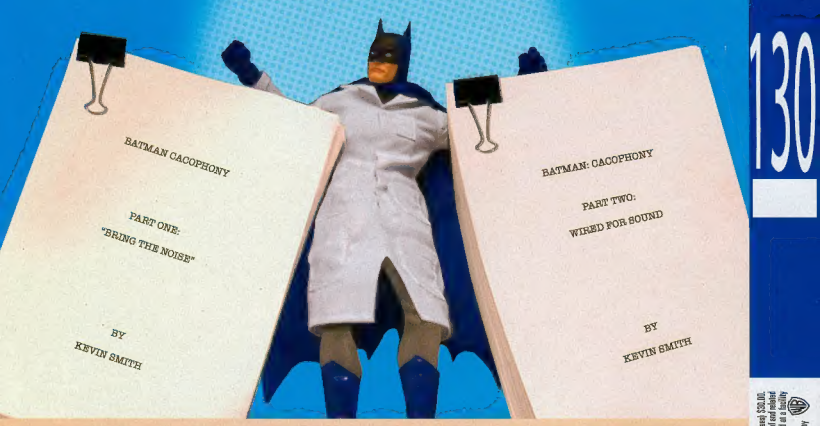

It is really hard to keep a secret in comics. Hi, Senior Story Editor **Ian Sattler** here with a true tale of espionage at San Diego Comic-Con. The news of **Kevin Smith's** impending return to the DCU with **Batman: Cacophony** hit my desk a few months before the show was due to take place. Needless to say, the idea of Kevin doing a three-part Batman story was all sorts of exciting — the kind of big news you want to run right out and tell everybody about. Of course, you can't really spill the beans on a project like this, especially before San Diego, so we had to dig our heels in and do our best to protect the secret. Around the office we referred to Cacophony in code as "Untitled Batman Project." This led to several very confusing conversations between **Dan DiDio** and myself, as one of us would usually forget what the other meant by "Untitled Batman Project." As we got closer to San Diego, I was amazed that word of this project still hadn't leaked. Would we really be able to pull off keeping the whole thing a secret? We pressed forward and decided to announce Cacophony later in the show. Of course it's rare that we ever stick 100% to any plan, so it only came as a mild surprise to me when Dan told me seconds before we went up on stage for the first DC Nation panel on Thursday that not only would we be announcing Cacophony, but that Kevin would actually be there to do so in person. The surprised reaction and ovation the crowd gave Kevin was awesome. It was one of those special convention moments where almost everybody in the room was hearing the news for the first time — all the secrecy had been worth it.

So now that the cat is out of the bag, we can finally speak freely about Batman: Cacophony. The first thing I want to address is — what exactly is a "cacophony"? The dictionary defines the word as "a harsh or discordant sound." Hmmm . . . I can only assume that this title has something to do with the return of the villainous Onomatopoeia from Kevin's classic Green Arrow story. Also making an appearance over the three issues are Batman, The Joker, Deadshot, Mr. Zsasz, and more! Batman: Cacophony is due to start in November, and for those of you worried about how far along we are in the process I suggest you take a look at the picture above of our friend and the first two completed scripts for the series. Be seeing you soon . . .

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